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Senator James Skoufis and Senator Jen Metzger issued the following responses to Legoland New York's request to the Orange County Legislature for up to \$1 million in public funding for international marketing of the forthcoming theme park:

"Legoland needs to get their hands out of our taxpayers' pockets. Their audacity knows no bounds: millions of dollars in so-called incentives and excessively generous property tax breaks apparently aren't enough," said Senator Skoufis. "The Orange County Legislature should reject Legoland's request for publicly-funded advertisements and make them pay for their own marketing like every other corporation."

"This development has already received millions of taxpayer dollars from the state and county, and now the company is asking for another million dollars to advertise for business," said Senator Jen Metzger. "That's the company's responsibility, not the taxpayers' responsibility. At some point you have to call it what it is--corporate welfare."